



Announcement:

The Study of the United States Institute (SUSI) Program On Public Policy & Government Leadership FY – 2013

The American Center at U.S. Embassy, Dhaka, is pleased to announce the Study of The United States Institute (SUSI) program on Public Policy and Government Leadership for student leaders. The program will take place from June 22 to August 3, 2013.

The SUSI program is an undergraduate exchange developed by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. It is an intensive academic program with the purpose of providing undergraduate student leaders from around the world with a deeper understanding of the United States, while simultaneously enhancing their leadership skills. The institute will consist of a balanced series of seminar discussions, readings, group presentations and lectures. The coursework and classroom activities will be complemented by educational travel around the United States, local site visits, and volunteer opportunities.

This program will include a four week academic residency at a U.S. university and a study tour of approximately two weeks. Academic residencies will take place at one of four host universities: the University of Massachusetts, Amherst; Southern Illinois University, Carbondale; Virginia Commonwealth University; and George Mason University (VA). The grouping of participants will be provided after the final selection. All participants will also spend at least two weeks in Washington D.C. and will take part in a joint closing conference.

Participants will receive an overview of the U.S. system of federal government, as well as of the role played by non-governmental institutions such as civic organizations, the media, and the private sector in making U.S. public policy. Discussions will explore the responsibilities of the three branches of the U.S. government and the system of checks and balances. Students will be exposed to specific public policy questions on topics such as public finance, rule of law, education, public health, environment, and foreign policy. All participants will have the opportunity to meet with public policy professionals and federal government officials.

Students with an interest in the public policy process and potential future employment in government are encouraged to apply. We expect applications to come from students in diverse fields, including, but not limited to, the social sciences, foreign policy, public administration, law, humanities, finance, public health, environment, education, business, and science.

Participants are expected to be highly motivated and exemplary undergraduate students from universities and other institutions of higher education.

Candidates nominated for this program will:

- be interested in the topic of Public Policy and Government Leadership;

- be fluent in English;
- be interested in future public service work in their home country;
- have a sustained high level of academic achievement, as indicated in grades, awards, and teacher recommendations;
- demonstrate strong leadership qualities and potential in their university and community activities;
- have had little or no prior study or travel experience in the United States or elsewhere outside of their home country;
- have at least one semester left of their undergraduate studies, committing them to return to their home universities following completion of the program;
- be between 18 and 25 years of age;
- be mature, responsible, independent, confident, open-minded, tolerant, thoughtful and inquisitive;
- be willing and able to fully participate in an intensive academic program, community service, and educational travel program; and
- be comfortable with campus life, prepared to share living accommodations, and able to make adjustments to cultural and social practices different from those of their home country.

A copy of the application form and announcement can be found at the following website:

http://dhaka.usembassy.gov/educational_cultural_exchanges.html

Typed applications are preferred—if handwriting is necessary, it must be clear and legible. Please note that each application must include **transcripts**, a **letter of recommendation** from a professor or teacher, and a **passport size photograph**.

The deadline to submit a complete application to the American Center is **Tuesday, March 12, 2013**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Please send applications to the following address:

**American Center,
U.S. Embassy Annex
J Block, Progati Sharoni,
Baridhara, Dhaka-1212
(Opposite the U.S. Embassy and next to Notun Bazar)**

Please note that the Embassy work week is Sunday to Thursday. Fridays and Saturdays are weekends.

For additional information, please contact Tahniah Shahid by phone at 8855500, Ext.2808, or by email at ShahidTX@state.gov. Thank you for your interest in the program.

Sincerely,

Bilal Faruqi
Cultural Affairs Officer for Education & Exchanges